

HOUSE RESOLUTION 11  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Miss Roxie Guettner McClendon on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Miss Roxie Guettner McClendon will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Poplar Springs Community, Miss Roxie moved to Rockwood at the age of eight; she still lives there today as a most beloved member of the community, and is renowned for her many acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, Miss Roxie was fortunate to grow up as part of a large and loving family of five sisters and two brothers; she has witnessed the passing of all of her siblings but one: her sister, Ola Dean of Tullahoma, who will join her as she celebrates her centennial birthday; and

WHEREAS, Miss Roxie married Charlie McClendon in 1924, and the couple enjoyed a blessed marriage for many years; Mr. Charlie has since passed from this life to a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, Miss Roxie and Mr. Charlie McClendon raised three sons in the house they built in 1924, and Miss Roxie still lives there today; and

WHEREAS, Eager to share the love of a family with which she had been so blessed, Miss Roxie generously welcomed into her home a set of triplets whose mother had passed away in childbirth; and

WHEREAS, She has witnessed two of her sons go on to their great reward: Billie passed in 1928, and Ray passed in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Miss Roxie continues to share and enjoy the company of her son, Paul Ed McClendon of Dahlonago, Georgia; her daughter-in-law, who lives next door; and her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, She long has been known and appreciated for her famous apple pies, jellies, cookies, and stack fruit cakes, and she continues to practice her illustrious cooking skills, to the delight of her family, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, For more than twenty years, Miss Roxie has been a contributor to the *Rockwood Times* as author of the column, "The Eureka News"; and

WHEREAS, She has been an active member of the Eureka Baptist Church for more than eighty years; she attributes her strength, longevity, and perseverance to her faith in God; and

WHEREAS, We wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Miss Roxie Guettner McClendon on the celebration of her 100th birthday, and wish her many more years of continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.